

SENATE No. 262.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, April 28, 1869.

The Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was committed the petition of the First Parish in Cambridge for a law allowing women and non-residents to become legal voters in parishes ; also a petition of Charles H. Allen and others, allowing the same rights to women as are enjoyed by men in parishes and religious societies, have considered the same and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

JULIUS A. PALMER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT

Authorizing Religious Societies to admit Women to membership therein.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 SECT. 1. Incorporated religious societies may, by
2 their by-laws, provide for the admission of women to
3 membership therein.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.